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1. During the course of World War II, Hungarian military strategists were never seriously concerned with possible invasion from the West which might take place between the cities of Bruck and Sombathely. Two existing factors conditioned such Hungarian military thought.

- a. Primary, of course, was the fact that this area was adjacent to her militarily strong neighbor and ally.
- b. Not all Hungarian military strategists relied solely on a strong one which would protect such approaches into Hungary from invasion. A group of older Hungarian officers recalled the rapidity of military collapse during World War I. They didn't overlook the possibility of such contingencies in World War II. It was reasoned, however, that any invasion between the cities of Bruck and Sombathely would prove costly to an invading force. Such thinking reflected the fact that they placed considerable value on Lake Neusiedler at Bruck and the intervening Magyar Alps (as far south as Sombathely) as natural barriers.

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Although the Magyar Alps between Lake Neusiedler and Szombathely are not excessive or impossible heights, their contours and inclinations are such that ground or motorized units would have to exert considerable pressure to penetrate Hungary.

2. In the event that an invading force successfully penetrated the aforementioned area /Paragraph 1 above/, Hungarian military strategists deemed the old "Hindenburg Line" of World War I an ideal line from which to defend Central Hungary from Western invasion. This line which begins in the Bakony Verites Mountains /west of Lake Balaton/ includes the area of Birzen Vites Bakony - southward through Zalaszeged, west to Kormend and the Austrian border. The above regions average about 650 meters in height with much of the elevation abrupt rather than gentle and sloping.
3. The area south of the Hindenburg Line (just north of Croatia Yugoslavia) is deemed by ranking Hungarian military men the most difficult to defend from ground and air attack. This sector is flat, the terrain is firm and communications by rail and auto are excellent. They reasoned that both pedestrian and motorized units provided with air support could easily move into Hungary. It was realized that defense positions in this area would be exposed to enemy raids and heavy artillery. During World War II this area, as well as the sector between Bruck and Szombathely, was under the control of a so-called ally, Ante Pavelich, puppet quisling of Croatia.

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